

# IEEE WIE: National Leadership Conference 2016



We all know a good leader when we see one, but it's often harder to point out what makes them so good. To pave your way to becoming a good leader we must understand exactly that; what makes someone such a good leader, and what can we do? To answer this question, WIE along with IEEE-Sardar Patel Institute of Technology had organized a two-day conference- The National Leadership Conference 2016.

This year our college was privileged to be given the opportunity to host the WIE NLC 2016.

With participation from over 15 different colleges, WIE NLC fostered a platform for the students to discuss global issues with eminent speakers who came from a plethora of professional backgrounds. The theme centered around leadership, entrepreneurship, personal security, health, stress and fitness. The two-day event was full of enlightening panel discussions, talks, group activities and dancing, too!



With much anticipation, the event was commenced by Prof.Aarti Karande and Prof.Dayanand Ambavade, who welcomed the dignitaries of the day Ms.Ashwini Kotrashetti, Head of IEEE WIE-Bombay Section and Mr.Anthony Lobo, Secretary of IEEE Bombay Section. The event began with Dr.Dedhia Drupti, a renowned gynecologist talked about health issues faced by the current generation, apprising the audience about the safety preventions. The audience listened intently as she talked about the misconceptions of the youth concerning their body, also stressing upon the need to be informed about the latest medical solutions. Next was a session by a psychiatrist and professor, Ms.Lata Dhir. An extremely upbeat woman, she organized a group activity, dividing the students into groups and assigning them introspective tasks. She caught the crowd by surprise with her deductions and stressed on how the students should change the way they deal with situations. She ended her talk and left the audience with a renewed consciousness.



Following a talk on fitness by Ms.Brishti Biswas, there was a panel discussion on personal security by panelists SR.Pi Subhash Khanvilkar, Mr.Jaywant Hargude and Mr.Nalawde (who were from the crime department) and our very own Prof.Kiran Talele. They discussed and cautioned about the growing crime rate in India, and how students are prone to be major targets. They talked about how cyber-crime was growing in India, and how drastic the consequences would be. The crowd buzzed with questions regarding safety measures and programs that have been implemented to increase the safety of the public. The day ended on a cheerful note, as everyone looked forward to the next set of interesting sessions!



The second day of the conference started with speeches and presentations by the WIE representatives and YP Affinity group members Ms.Joveen Elsa Jacob, Ms.Samruddhi Seth and Ms.Seema Kawale. They spoke to the crowd about the opportunities presented by WIE, and the IEEE WIE R10 conferences that they had attended. They said that their life course completely changed after attending those conferences. The crowd was in awe of the speakers.

Up next was the most awaited session in the conference! The panel discussion on Entrepreneurship, with panelists- Mr.Rutvik Parikh who was the founder of Pykih, Sagun Garg- Founder of Black and White Aventura and co-founder of Nexchanges, Mr.Ashok Jagatia and Mr.Suyog Vyawahare. With a panel so spirited, the discussion was quite a brainstorm with enthusiastic participation and queries from the audience. The panelists spoke about their bumpy journey, the hurdles they had to face and how their startups changed their lives. Following that, there was a session on leadership, where the speaker- Mr.Aiyappan Pillai brought in intriguing case studies about various leaders around the world. He inspired the audience with their case studies and emphasized that they should not just be good managers, but also good leaders.

To the participants' surprise, they were next lead to a hall with music and dance instructors and voila, they were all made to dance! What's a better way to end a conference than dance your way out of it?